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WINSTON, N. C., 1st October, 1884.

THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA met according to adjournment, in its Seventy-First Annual Session, in Brown's Hall, Winston, North Carolina, Wednesday, 1st October, 1884, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Synod was called to order and constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D.D. The opening sermon was then preached by the Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., of the Synod of Kentucky, on Luke v:4, 5, 6: "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and taken nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes, and their net brake"—in connection with John, xxi:6, 10, 11: "Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it up for the multitude of fishes. * * * * * Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three, and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken."

After further devotional exercises, the Stated Clerk from the Committee of Enrollment presented the Roll of the Synod, as far as completed, and other members were enrolled.

Roll of Synod.

The following members were present during the session of the Synod:*

I.—PRESBYTERY OF ORANGE.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
TH. U. FAUCETTE,	*Thos. Stamps*, [2]	Milton.
P. H. DALTON,	*Malcolm Shaw*,	High Point.
	S. E. Blackwood,	New Hope.
J. H. SMITH, D. D., [2]	*J. C. Wharton*, [2]	Greensboro'.
F. H. JOHNSTON, D. D.,	*T. J. Wilson*,	Winston.
J. C. ALEXANDER, [2]	*David Wharton*,	Buffalo.
	Thomas Rankin,	Bethel.
C. H. WILEY, D. D.,		
W. B. TIDBALL, [2]		
J. W. PRIMROSE,		
H. T. DARNALL,		
T. J. ALLISON,		
J. L. CURRIE.	*N. P. Hall*,	Little River.
S. M. SMITH,		
P. R. LAW,	*J. A. Womack*, [2]	Pittsboro'.
W. F. THOM,	*J. A. Houston*,	Mt. Vernon.
	A. C. McAllister,	Ashboro.
A. L. CRAWFORD,	*T. C. Ford*,	Lexington.
S. H. ISLER, [2]		
L. B. JOHNSTON,		

*The figure after a name denotes the day on which a member took his seat.

†Of the Presbytery of Orange the following ministers were absent: Robert Burwell, D. D., Geo. W. Ferrill, Arch'd Currie, J. M. Atkinson, D. D., C. N. Morrow, C. Phillips, D. D., L. C. Vass, C. Miller, J. S. Watkins, D. D., D. I. Craig, S. L. Wilson, J. N. H. Summerell. (12.)

The following Churches were not represented: Oakland, Fairfield, Red House, Raleigh—2d, Jamestown, Yanceyville, Newbern, Oxford, Grassy Creek, Shiloh, Geneva, Durham, Wentworth, Leaksville, Mebaneville, Bethlehem, Eno, Stony Creek, Griers, Washington, Haywood, Gulf, Raleigh—1st, Oak Forest, Littleton, Calah, Worthville, Tarboro, Rocky Mount, Croatan, La Grange, Henderson. Nutbush, Chapel Hill, Cross Roads, Graham, Company Shops, Spring Wood, Oak Hill, Oregon, Elkin, Speedwell, Horeb, Louisburg, Warrenton. (45.)

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MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
W. F. Wilhelm,	*J. N. Craig*, [2]	Hillsboro'.
S. H. Chester,	*J. K. Scott*,	Hawfields.
19	*W. B. Carter*,	Madison.
	F. M. Matthews,	Reidsville.
	A. S. Williamson,[2]	Bethesda.
	L. R. Land, [2]	Nahalah.
	L. M. Stewart, [2]	Alamance.
	W. F. Carter, [2]	Mt. Airy.
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II.—PRESBYTERY OF CONCORD.*

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. F. Rockwell, D.D.,		
P. T. Penick,		
W. A. Wood, D.D., [2]	*E. B. Stimson*,	Statesville.
J. Rumple, D. D.,	*J. D. McNeely*,	Salisbury.
Wm. W. Pharr,	*J. R. McNeely*,	Centre.
R. B. Anderson, D.D.,[2]	*J. A. Garvin*,	Newton.
J. M. Wharey, [2]	*R. H. Morrison*.	Rocky River.
J. L. Williamson,	*N. Johnston*,	Poplar Tent.
R. W. Boyd, [2]	*R. Culbertston*, [2]	Unity.
P. P. Winn,		
J. A. Ramsay,	*A. F. Goodman*,	Thyatira.
A. W. White, [2]	*J. R. B. Adams*,	Fifth Creek.
12	*A. N. McNinch*, [2]	Concord(Town)
	E. M. Stevenson, [2]	Taylorsville.
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*Of the Presbytery of Concord, the following ministers were absent: T. N. Paxton, B. L. Beall, A. D. Hepburn, D. D., L. K. Glasgow, C. M. Payne, J. W. Davis, W. B. Arrowood. (7.).

The following Churches were not represented: Concord (Iredell), Bethany, Tabor, Mooresville, Prospect, Davidson College, Morganton, Zion, Bethel, Bethphage, Franklin, Bethesda, Clio, New Salem, Back Creek, Norwood, Beulah, Third Creek, Drusilla, Marion, Mocksville, Lenoir, Hickory, Wilkesboro, Shiloh, Old Salem, Old Fort. (27).

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III.—PRESBYTERY OF FAYETTEVILLE.*

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
E. McNair, D. D., [2]	*P. C. Shaw*,	Bethesda.
J. P. McPherson,		
Neill McKay, D. D., [2]		
Geo. M. Gibbs,		
D. D. McBryde, [2]		
M. McQueen, [2]	*M. J. Blue*, [2]	Union.
Joseph Evans, [3]	*Daniel McKay*, [2]	Ashpole.
A. McQueen, [2]	*H. McEachern*, [2]	Lumber Bridge
H. G. Hill, D. D.,		
A. F. Ferguson, [2]	*L. B. Prince*, [2]	Laurel Hill.
	Alex. McRae, [2]	Smyrna.
Wm. S. Lacy,	*Geo. Willcox*,	Euphronia.
Roger Martin, [3]	*Daniel Watson*,[3]	Centre.
	E. F. McRae, [3]	Shoe Heel.
J. S. Black, [2]	*L. McDonald*, [2]	Big Rockfish.
13	*H. H. Hodgin*, [2]	Antioch.
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IV.—PRESBYTERY OF WILMINGTON.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
Colin Shaw, [2]		
A. McFadyen,		
K. McDonald,		
John M. Rose. [2]	*H. W. Burwell*,	Goldsboro'.
4	*John McLaurin*,[2]	Wilmingt'n, 1st
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*Of the Presbytery of Fayetteville, the following ministers were absent: Hector McLean, A. McMillan, James McQueen, N. T. Bowden, J. H. Coble, D. Fairley, K. M. McIntyre. (7.)

The following churches were not represented: Philadelphus, Bethel, Long Street, Barbacue, Tirza, Flat Branch, Bluff, Sardis, Carthage, Cameron, St. Andrews, Mt. Pisgah, White Hill, Iona, Lumberton, Laurinburg, Fayetteville, Church of the Covenant, Galatia, Sandy Grove, Montpelier, Pee Dee, Sharon, Ben Salem, Macedonia, Buffalo, Salem, Sherwood, St. Paul's, Mt. Tabor, McPherson, Cypress, China Grove, Mineral Spring, Harmony, Mt. Carmel, Mark's Creek, Rockingham, Lebanon. (39.)

†Of the Presbytery of Wilmington, the following ministers were absent: D. B.

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V.—PRESBYTERY OF MECKLENBURG.†

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
R. Z. Johnston, W. A. McDonald, W. E. McIlwain, S. T. Martin, R. A. Miller, [2] J. P. Gammon, [2] G. L. Cook, W. R. Atkinson. [3] A. G. Buckner, [2]	*R. R. King*,	Philadelphia.
A. P. Nicholson, A. M. Watson. [11]	*R. D. Collins*,	Steele Creek.
	J. H. McClintock,	Huntersville.
	J. A. Young,	Charlotte, 1st.
	John W. Moore, [2] [5]	Hopewell.

Ministers, 58; Ruling Elders, 49; Total, 107.

The Rev. P. T. Penick, of the Presbytery of Concord, was chosen Moderator.

Black, J. M. Sprunt, D.D., B. F. Marable, James Kelly, Alex. Kirkland, J. R. Wilson, D.D., G. W. McMillan, R. H. Chapman, D.D., A. L. Phillips. (9.)

The following churches were not represented: Hopewell, Pike, Rockfish, Grove, Union, Mt. Zion, Mt. Olive, Clinton, Beth-Car, South River Chapel, Brown Marsh, Mt. Horeb, Elizabethtown, Whiteville, Chadbourn, Mt. Williams, Topsail, Richlands, Black River Chapel, Burgaw, Wilmington—2d, Keith, Moore's Creek, White Hall. White Plains, Oak Plain, Cobb's Mills, Seminary, North River, Newport. (30.)

†Of the Presbytery of Mecklenburg, the following ministers were absent: R. H. Morrison, D. D.. J. E. Morrison, J. D. Hall, W. N. Morrison, W. Graves, W.W. Pharr, D. D., A. W. Miller, D. D., G. D. Parks, D. T. Towles, J. J. Kennedy, W. H. Davis, L. R. McAboy, D. D., G. S. Robinson, D. P. Robinson, J. L. Williams, N. M. Woods, J. M. McLean, J. E. Fogartie, E. P. Davis, R. B. Morrow, R. S. Brown, L. R. McCormick. (22.)

The following churches were not represented: Mallard Creek, Amity, Sharon, Lincolnton. Dallas, Goshen, Olney, Long Creek, Davidson River, Waynesville, Bethel, Pineville, Pleasant Hill, Asheville. Paw Creek, Providence, Charlotte—2d, Union, Wadesboro', Lebanon, Ramah, Shelby, Sandy Plains, Hendersonville, Mill's River, Polkton, Unity, Castanea Grove, New Hope, Gastonia, Machpelah, Duncan's Creek, Rutherfordton, Little Brittain, Hephzibah, Hiwassee, Morrison, Franklin, Red Oak, Oak Forest, Swannanoa, Bethlehem, Charleston, King's Mountain, Hopewell, Monroe, Matthews, Sugar Creek. (48.)

Total of Ministers absent, 57; of Churches not represented, 189.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

The Rev. J. A. Ramsay, of the Presbytery of Concord, and Ruling Elder S. K. Scott, of the Presbytery of Orange, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session, was, on motion, dispensed with.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, 2d October, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met at 9 A. M., and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the first day's session were read, amended and approved.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES—F. H. Johnston, D.D., G. M. Gibbs, R. W. Boyd, J. R. B. Adams, T. C. Ford.

2. JUDICIAL COMMITTEE—J. Rumple, D.D., C. H. Wiley, D.D., A. M. Watson, T. J. Wilson, J. H. McClintock.

3. ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES ON THE STATE OF RELIGION—H. T. Darnall, D. D. McBryde, K. McDonald, R. R. King, H. W. Burwell.

4. SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE—G. L. Cook, A. McQueen, W. B. Carter, P. C. Shaw, Thomas Rankin.

Standing Committees and Corresponding Members.

5. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY—P. H. Dalton, J. C. Alexander, Geo. Willcox, J. R. McNeely, F. M. Matthews.

6. UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—S. M. Smith, W. F. Wilhelm, J. A. Young, E. B. Stimson.

7. TREASURER'S BOOKS—J. D. McNeely, A. C. McAllister, H. McEachern.

8. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—W. W. Pharr, S. T. Martin, R. D. Collins, Nath. Johnston, J. A. Garvin.

9. DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—F. H. Johnston, D. D., T. J. Wilson, C. H. Wiley, D. D.

10. STATISTICAL REPORTS—R. Z. Johnston, J. C. Wharton, A. F. Goodman.

11. SYNODICAL RECORDS—H. G. Hill, D. D., W. M. Wiley, R. H. Morrison.

12. LEAVE OF ABSENCE—J. L. Currie, W. A. McDonald, J. A. Houston, N. P. Hall, M. Shaw.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees on

PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS :

1. ORANGE—E. F. Rockwell, D. D., John McLaurin.

2. CONCORD—T. U. Faucette, Thomas Stamps.

3. FAYETTEVILLE—L. B. Johnston, S. D. Blackwood.

4. WILMINGTON—P. R. Law, H. H. Hodgin.

5. MECKLENBURG—A. L. Crawford, Alex. McRae.

The following brethren were invited during the sessions of the Synod to sit as Corresponding Members, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod :

On Thursday, Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama ; Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., of the Synod of

Kentucky ; Rev. J. H. Colton, of the Synod of South Carolina ; Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., and Rev. J. F. Latimer, Ph.D., D.D., of the Synod of Memphis. On Friday, Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., and Rev. D. E. Jordan, of the Synod of South Carolina; and on Saturday, Rev. D. C. Rankin, of the Synod of Virginia.

The following brethren were invited during the sessions of the Synod to sit as Visiting Brethren, and were introduced by the Moderator to the Synod :

Rev. H. A. Brown, of the Baptist Church ; Rev. E. Rondthaler, D. D., of the United Brethren (Moravian Church) ; and Rev. Mr. Ogburn, of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Statistical Reports from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee on Statistical Reports. (See Appendix, Paper A.)

Narratives of the State of Religion from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the Churches.

Reports on Systematic Beneficence from the five Presbyteries constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. (See Appendix, Paper B.)

The Annual Report of the Board of Directors of Union Theological Seminary, together with a supplemental report from the same body, were read and referred to the Committee on Union Theological Seminary. (See Appendix, Paper C.)

The nomination of persons to fill vacancies in the Board from this Synod was referred to the same Committee.

The Records of the Synod, and of the five Presbyteries

Appointment of Orders of the Day.

constituting the Synod, were presented and referred to the respective Committees appointed for their review.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-day (Thursday) at 11 A M., to hear the report of the Agent of Education, and in connection therewith, to hear the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the Report of the Agent of Sustentation.

It was made the Second Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the Report of the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, and in connection therewith to hear the Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists.

It was made the Third Order of the Day for Friday morning to hear the Report of the Agent of Publication, and in connection therewith to hear the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication.

It was made the First Order of the Day for Friday afternoon to hear the Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., the General Assembly's Assistant Secretary of Foreign Missions.

It was made the Order of the Day for Friday evening to hear the Report of the Agent of Foreign Missions.

It was made the Second Order of the Day for Friday afternoon to hear the Rev. J. F. Latimer, D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, with reference to the interests of that institution.

The Rev. P. P. Winn was appointed Agent of Sunday Schools, *pro tempore.*

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that the hours of meeting be as follows: The Synod shall convene at 9½ A. M., take recess at 12½ P. M. until 3 P. M., and adjourn at will.

Courtesies. Report on Devotional Exercises.

Through the Rev. C. H. Wiley, D. D., the Synod was invited to visit the Graded School of Winston, on Friday, at 12 M.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered for the courtesy.

Through a communication from the Rev. E. Rondthaler, D. D., the Synod was invited to visit the Salem Female Academy, on Saturday, at 3½ P. M.

The thanks of the Synod were tendered for the courtesy.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report with reference to the observance of the Lord's Supper this (Thursday) evening, in accordance with Standing Rule 17, and the order was taken :

That the Rev. Dr. Rumple conduct the opening services ; that the Rev. Dr. Hill administer the bread, and the Rev. C. Shaw, the wine.

The Synodical Historical Committee reported that there was nothing additional to communicate to the Synod.

The Stated Clerk reported that the special duties imposed at the last meeting of Synod, to have the earlier volumes of the Synodical Records transcribed, and to have a Synodicad Map prepared, had not been discharged, and asked further time. The Synod directed a report to be made at its next meeting.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have printed 1,150 copies of the Minutes of the Seventy-First Annual Session of the Synod.

Reidsville was chosen as the place, and Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1885, (20th Oct., 1885) at 7.30 P. M., as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and the Synod was addressed by the Rev. E. M. Richardson, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Education.

Education.

The Agent of Education, Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., then made his report which was received and approved.

The following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod of North Carolina has listened to the address of Rev. Dr. Richardson on Education with very great satisfaction, and with thankfulness to God for the encouraging facts stated by him; and that this Synod heartily commend anew this vastly important interest, and pray that God may give us, as ministers and members, grace to respond liberally to the appeals which the increased number of candidates makes or may make necessary.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, at the request of the Synod, the body was addressed on this subject by the Rev. J. F. Latimer, D. D.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Synod was read and referred, with his book and vouchers, to the Committee on the Treasurer's Books. (See Appendix, Paper D.)

The Synod then adjourned until 9½ A. M. to-morrow, and was closed with prayer.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, 3d October, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the second day's session were read, amended and approved.

The Rev. J. M. Wharey was appointed Chairman of the Committee of Leave of Absence, in place of Rev. J. L. Currie, excused.

Reports on Presbyterial Records.

The Committee on the Records of Fayetteville Presbytery, Rev. L. B. Johnston, Chairman, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to review the Records of the Presbytery of Fayetteville would report, recommending that the Records be approved as far as written, except that the book does not appear to have been reviewed by Synod last year.

Your Committee would call attention to the fact that exceptions to the Records of Sessions are not engrossed as they should be.

The exceptions were sustained and the report adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, Rev. P. R. Law, Chairman, made the following report:

Your Committee appointed to examine the Records of the Presbytery of Wilmington would submit the following report:

We have carefully and critically reviewed the Records of Wilmington Presbytery, and found them kept with rare and commendable neatness and explicitness, and in all respects undeserving criticism, and therefore recommend that they be approved.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Concord Presbytery, Rev. T. U. Faucette, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of Mecklenburg Presbytery, Rev. A. L. Crawford, Chairman, reported that they had examined the Records and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, Rev. P. H. Dalton, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Report on Minutes of General Assembly. Report on Statistical Reports.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly beg leave to offer the following report:

There is nothing in these Minutes expressly enjoined or recommended to the attention of the Synod. There are a few points to which the attention of the Presbyteries is called, which may be properly noticed in this report.

1. On page 210. The Assembly directs the Presbyteries to enjoin upon their Sessions to take notice of violations of the sanctity of the Sabbath day, and if necessary to administer discipline, at least so far as admonition and reproof are concerned. This order of the Assembly your committee recommend the Synod to endorse and reiterate.

2. On page 212. The Assembly recommends to our ministers to preach once a year on Foreign Missions, and instruct their people on this subject and observe the monthly concert of prayer for God's blessing on the Foreign Missionary work. We recommend the Synod to call the attention of our ministers to this subject also.

3. On page 216. The attention of the Presbyteries is called to the fact that there is in Richmond a Company called the "Presbyterian Publishing Company," besides our own Executive Committee—which two houses are confounded in the minds of our people. Your committee recommend that Synod call attention to the fact that our Committee at Richmond is called "the Executive Committee of Publication."

The Report of the Trustees of the Synod was read and referred to the committee appointed to examine such report. (See Appendix, Paper E.)

The Committee on the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Chairman, made the following report:

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries show:

1. Two licentiates were ordained in the Synod of North Carolina during the past year—one in Wilmington and Mecklenburg Presbyteries each.

2. Three candidates were licensed—two in Orange and one in Fayetteville.

3. Five candidates have been received—one each in Orange, Concord and Mecklenburg, and two in Fayetteville.

Report on Statistical Reports—Concluded.

4. There were thirteen installations of pastors—eight in Orange and five in Concord.

5. There were seven dissolutions of the pastoral relation—two each in Orange and Mecklenburg, and one each in Concord, Fayetteville and Wilmington.

6. There were four churches organized—one each in Orange, Concord, Wilmington and Mecklenburg.

7. One church was transferred from the Synod of Atlantic (Northern Presbyterian Church) to this Synod, in Mecklenburg Presbytery.

8. Two Presbyteries only report total membership, viz: Orange, 4,083; Mecklenburg, 5,029.

9. One Presbytery reports aggregate additions to membership, viz: Mecklenburg, 226. This Presbytery also reports the aggregate of all funds contributed for all purposes, viz: $29,571, being an increase of $93 over the contributions of the preceding year.

10. There are six church organizations in Orange without sessions, and six churches vacant in Orange and nine in Mecklenburg.

11. Ministers received from other Synods, five, viz: three into Orange, two into Mecklenburg.

12. Ministers transferred to other Synods, three, viz: one each from Concord, Mecklenburg and Orange.

13. There is an increase of five churches and no increase of ministers.

14. One minister has been suspended in Mecklenburg.

15. Two ministers have died, viz: T. G. Thurston, Concord Presbytery, 22d February, 1884, and Drury Lacy, D. D., Orange Presbytery, 1st August, 1884.

16. Your committee recommend the appointment of the following to report suitable minutes of the deceased brethren:

On the Death of Rev. T. G. Thurston—Rev. P. P. Winn, Rev. R. B. Anderson, D. D., and S. M. Stephenson.

On the Death of Rev. Dr. Lacy—Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Rev. P. R. Law, and J. A. Womack.

The report was adopted.

It was made the Order of the Day for to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock, A. M., to hear the memorials of deceased brethren.

Sustentation. Evangelistic Labour.

The First Order of the Day for this morning was announced, and the Agent of Sustentation, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., made his report, which was received and approved, and the following recommendations appended thereto were adopted:

1st. That Synod would recommend to the Presbyteries co-operation with the Home Missions Committee of the General Assembly, in putting vacant charges and unemployed ministers in correspondence.

2d. That Synod would urge Presbyteries to adopt measures for rendering pastoral support more flexible.

It was made the First Order of the Day for to-morrow (Saturday) morning to hear the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., with reference to the interests of Davidson College.

The Second Order of the Day for this morning was then announced, and the Agent of Evangelistic Labor, Rev. J. C. Alexander, made his report, which was received. Pending its consideration, in accordance with Standing Rule 7, verbal reports were made by Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. The report was then approved.

The Committee on the Records of Orange Presbytery, Rev. Dr. Rockwell, Chairman, reported that they had examined the same, and find them correctly kept, and recommend that they be approved. The report was adopted.

The Third Order of the Day for this morning was then announced, to wit, the Report of the Agent of Publication.

The Synod then receded from business until 3 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After recess the Synod resumed business.

The Unfinished Business was on motion suspended to take up the Order of the Day for this hour.

Publication.

The Synod was then addressed by the Rev. M. H. Houston, D. D., the General Assembly's Assistant Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The Unfinished Business was resumed, and the Agent of Publication, Rev. J. M. Rose, Jr., made his report, which was received. Pending its consideration the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. K. Hazen, D. D., the General Assembly's Secretary of Publication. The report was then approved and the following recommendations adopted :

Resolved, 1. That in view of the great importance of this cause, and the vast amount of good which may be accomplished by extending the circulation of a good, sound, religious literature, the Presbyteries be enjoined to urge upon their churches a larger degree of liberality in the support of this work, and especially that an effort be made to decrease the number of non-contributing churches.

2. That the Synod notes with great thankfulness and encouragement that the work of colportage seems to have received a larger share of attention and to have been prosecuted with greater energy than in some years past; and expresses its judgment that a diligent effort should be made in every Presbytery to extend the work.

3. That the Synod urges upon the Presbyteries to commend to the use of their churches and Sabbath-schools, the papers, lesson helps, and all other Sabbath-school literature published and endorsed by the Assembly's Executive Committee, and to discourage the use of the publications of unknown and irresponsible parties.

The Second Order of the Day for this afternoon was then announced, and the Committee on Union Theological Seminary, Rev. S. M. Smith, Chairman, made a report. Pending the consideration of this report the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. F. Latimer, Ph.D., D. D., Professor in Union Theological Seminary, with regard to the interests of that institution.

The report was then adopted, and is as follows :

Report on Union Theological Seminary.

Your Committee on Union Theological Seminary respectfully submits the following report:

1. *Changes in the Faculty, to wit.*—The election of Rev. James F. Latimer, D. D., Ph. D., to the chair of Ecclesiastical History and Polity, and the election of Rev. W. W. Moore Adjunct Professor of Oriental Literature.

2. *The Number of Students.*—The total number in attendance was forty-eight—Seniors 17, Middle 15, Juniors 16.

3. *The finances* of the Seminary are in prosperous condition.

4. *The effort for the endowment* of the fifth Professorship is meeting with encouraging success under the energetic supervision of Rev. S. T. Martin, the Agent of the Directors in this matter.

5. *Your Committee recommends* the approval by the Synod of the amendment to Article IV. § 9 of the Seminary's Constitution, as asked by the Board.

6. *There is much for which to be thankful* to God in the condition and prospects of the Seminary, and next to God, to the laborious and efficient Board of Directors and to the able and devoted Faculty of the Institution.

7. We find nothing in the action of the Board that does not appear worthy of the Synod's hearty approval, except that which discharges the Faculty from the duty of sending circulars in relation to "Absenteeism" to Presbyteries. At a time when the need of closer oversight of candidates is emphasized by events and by the action of our various Church courts, your Committee is of the opinion that any action looking towards relaxation of oversight is unfortunate.

8. *Vacancies.*—1. The death of Alexander Sprunt, Esq., is reported. Your Committee recommends the appointment of Mr. B. F. Hall to fill this vacancy.

2. It has come to the knowledge of the Committee that Rev. Dr. W. W. Pharr and Ruling Elder R. I. McDowell are hopelessly infirm, and in all probability can never attend another meeting; but as we have received no communication personally from these brethren, we have not felt at liberty to take any action. We lay the facts before the Synod for instruction in the premises.

3. The term of office of the Fourth Class of Directors expires at this meeting, viz: Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D., Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Dr. E. Nye Hutchinson, Ruling Elder.

We recommend the re-election of the same.

Changes in the Board of Directors. Foreign Missions.

The following motion was made and carried: The Synod having thus learned that two of its Directors are by reason of infirmity and continued ill health incapacitated from serving, directs the Committee on Union Theological Seminary to nominate persons to take their places.

Under this instruction of the Synod the Committee nominated Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain in the place of Rev. Walter W. Pharr, D. D., and Ruling Elder D. W. Oates in the place of R. I. McDowell. These nominations were approved, and the persons named chosen Directors of Union Theological Seminary.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Synod having heard with pain and sorrow of the continued ill health of Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., hereby expresses its deepest sympathies with him in his affliction, and prays the richest blessing of the King and Head of the Church upon him in this his hour of sore trial.

A committee, consisting of Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., and Ruling Elder J. A. Young, was appointed to communicate to Rev. Dr. Pharr and Mr. McDowell the action of the Synod, and to express to them the sincere appreciation on the part of the Synod of their long and faithful service as Directors in the Seminary, and their sympathy with them in their present ill health.

The Synod took recess until 7½ o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Synod convened after recess.

The Order of the Day for this hour was announced, and, after devotional exercises, the Agent of Foreign Missions, Rev. R. Z. Johnston, made his report, which was received. Pending the consideration of the report the Synod was addressed by Rev. J. Rumple, D. D., Rev. W. E. McIlwain and Rev. H. T. Darnall. The report was then approved.

Address to the Churches.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address to the Churches on the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod, Rev. H. T. Darnall, Chairman, made their report, which was received and adopted. It was further ordered that the address be read to the churches by the pastors and stated supplies on a day of public worship, and that a copy be forwarded to the NORTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAN, with a request for publication.

The report is as follows:

ADDRESS TO THE CHURCHES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Synod of North Carolina, looking over the whole field, as comprised in its five Presbyteries, from which full reports have been received, desires to express its heartfelt thanks to the Great Head of the Church for the evidences of His blessing in all our bounds. All the churches report good and increasing attendance upon the ministrations of the Word, and from every Presbytery come cheering evidences of growth, and in many churches large accessions. Everywhere there seems to be an amount of activity and prosperity that has been unusual. In all departments of the Church's work, in reaching out to the destitute regions, in earnest evangelistic labor, in steady zeal and official fidelity on the part of pastors and sessions, in the increase of Christian liberality in sustaining the Assembly's causes, as well as in the support of their own work at home, our churches seem to-day to present a devotedness and zeal in the Lord's work that awakens our gratitude and stimulates our hope. Truly we have cause to thank God and take courage. There seems from all quarters to be an increasing interest in the Sabbath-school work, as one that is taking a stronger hold upon our people. There is no complaint as to the general observance of the Sabbath among our people, nor as to any prevalence of worldliness. While all this indicates cheering progress and healthful growth in our churches, there is, however, one matter in which every presbyterial report agrees that demands our serious attention. It is a sad complaint of every Presbytery, "*We are pained to report the neglect of family worship.*" This sacred and important duty, the observance of which was once among the distinguishing characteristics of the Presbyterian Church, marking her people with a pecu-

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liar distinction, the Synod earnestly calls to the attention of all our people, and most affectionately urges upon heads of families throughout all the bounds of our beloved Church to consider in the fear of God. And we would earnestly enjoin upon all our ministers and ruling elders to make special efforts for the general observance of this duty on the part of the people, and that ministers especially be enjoined to preach on this subject, reminding them that it is only in the faithful performance of those duties that pertain to family discipline and instruction we can hope for the blessing of the covenant-keeping God upon us and our seed after us.

And now, in conclusion, with all that is encouraging before us, let us gird on afresh our armor and go forth with increased earnestness, patiently and faithfully to the great work committed to our hands, endeavoring more and more to attain to a higher Christian consecration, greater zeal and liberality, and more faithful personal devotedness. And may grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, rest upon all our churches and all our people.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Synod, Rev. Wm. W. Pharr, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of Synod report that they have examined the same, and that they find nothing in said report calling for the action of this body. They recommend that the report of the Trustees be approved and printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to draft forms for Presbyterial reports on Statistics and on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to draft a form of report so as to secure uniformity in the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries, and also in the Reports on Systematic Beneficence, respectfully report the following:

Forms of Reports to Synod—Continued.

I.—FORM OF STATISTICAL REPORTS.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of ..... reports:

1.— ..... Ministers; ..... churches; ..... Licentiates; ..... Candidates; ..... Communicants; and ..... Dollars $———), aggregate of all funds raised during the year ending March 31, 18—, being $——— ..... than was raised the year before.

2.— ..... members were added to the churches during the year.

3.— ..... Ministers were received, viz: (giving name and date) .....

4.— ..... Ministers were transferred, viz: (name and date.) .....

5.— ..... churches received or organized, viz: (name and date) .....

6.— ..... churches transferred or dissolved, viz: (name and date) .....

7.— ..... Licentiates received, viz: (name and date.)

8.— ..... Licentiates transferred, viz: (name and date.)

9.— ..... Candidates received, viz: (name and date.)

10.— ..... Candidates transferred, viz: (name and date.)

11.— ..... Ministers died, viz: (name and date.)

12.— ..... Ordinations, viz: (name and date,) .....

13.— ..... Installations, viz: (name and date.) .....

14.— ..... Dissolutions of pastoral relations, viz: (name and date.) .....

15.— ..... Licensures, viz: (name and date.)

16.— ..... Ministers in charge of ..... churches; ..... Pastors, ... Stated Supplies, ... Evangelists; .....Licentiates.

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17.— ..... churches vacant.

18.— $———, average salary paid ministers in charge of churches.

19.— ..... Manses; aggregate value, $———.

20.—No minister or church in ..... counties, viz: (giving name of county) .....

21.—The next stated meeting of Presbytery at .... on ..... day .... 18—.

By order of Presbytery:

At ..... church, } Attest: .....
on ..... day of ....., 18—. }

Stated Clerk.

II.—FORM OF REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

To the Synod of North Carolina:

The Presbytery of ..... respectfully submits the following report on Systematic Beneficence for the year ending March 31, 184—:

1.—	churches contributed to	Sustentation,		$————
2.—	"	"	Evangelistic Fund,	————
3.—	"	"	Invalid "	————
4.—	"	"	Foreign Missions,	————
5.—	"	"	Education,	————
6.—	"	"	Publication,	————
7.—	"	"	Colportage,	————
8.—	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute,	————
9.—	"	"	Bible Cause,	————
10.—	"	"	Miscellaneous,	————
Total.....				$————

Being $———— ———— than was raised the year before.

..... churches reported, and ..... of them contributed to all the objects conducted by the Church, and ..... to one or more of them.

..... churches made no report, viz: .....

.....

By order of Presbytery:

At ..... church, } Attest: .....
on ..... day of ....., 18—. }

Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk of Synod was directed to have the foregoing forms of report printed for the use of the Stated Clerks of Presbyteries.

The Committee on the Records of the Synod, Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., Chairman, reported that they had examined the same, and find nothing therein calling for the special attention of this body.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures, Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D., Chairman, reported that no business had been placed in their hands, and asked to be discharged. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, and was closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 4th October, 1884.

MORNING SESSION.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator.

The minutes of the third day's sessions were read, amended and approved.

The Judicial Committee, Rev. Dr. Rumple Chairman, reported that no business had been brought before them, and asked to be discharged. The report was accepted and the request granted.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Rev. G. L. Cook, Chairman, made their report, which was received, and adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would respectfully report to the Synod that all of our five Presbyteries have sent up full reports,

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some reporting contributions for congregational purposes. The summary of all contributions for the causes of the General Assembly is as follows:

Orange Presbytery contributed to the seven objects for which collections are ordered by the General Assembly	$3,250 28
Concord, for the same	3,095 07
Fayetteville	2,503 79
Wilmington	1,869 00
Mecklenburg	7,735 00
Total contributed in the Synod as reported	$18,453 14

There has been a gain over reports of preceding years in the Presbytery of Mecklenburg of $21 75, and in the Presbytery of Wilmington of $70. In the other Presbyteries there has been a considerable decline, so that the aggregate in the Synod for the year is less by nearly $800 than the year previous.

The Committee on Treasurer's Book and Report, Ruling Elder J. D. McNeely, Chairman, made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Books and Report for examination would respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and find them correct and sustained by proper vouchers.

The Stated Clerk presented the following Statistical Report of the Synod of North Carolina to the General Assembly, which was received and adopted, and a copy ordered to be forwarded to the General Assembly:

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Synod of North Carolina respectfully reports to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, that it consists of five Presbyteries, and that these consist, in whole, of one hun-

dred and sixteen ministers and two hundred and thirty-nine churches, having under their care six licentiates and twenty-one candidates, viz:

PRESBYTERIES.	MINISTERS.	CH'CHS	LICENTIATES.	CANDIDATES.
Orange	31	65	3	6
Concord	19	39	1	1
Fayetteville	20	51	1	5
Wilmington	13	32	1	1
Mecklenburg	33	52	...	8
Total	116	239	6	21

The Synod further reports that its next Stated Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Reidsville, North Carolina, on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1885 (20th October, 1885), at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Synod:

WM. S. LACY,
Stated Clerk.

The Committee on Leave of Absence, Rev. J. M. Wharey, Chairman, made the following report, which was received and adopted:

The Committee on Leave of Absence respectfully report as follows:

The following Brethren have been excused for absence at last meeting of Synod, viz: A. P. Nicholson, W. A. McDonald, T. U. Faucette, R. Burwell, Wm. E. McIlwain and P. T. Penick.

Excused for absence from present meeting: J. H. Coble, G. S. Robinson, B. L. Beall, J. M. McLain, C. M. Payne, J. M. Atkinson, R. H. Chapman, R. Burwell, A Currie.

Excused after Sessions of Thursday, J. L. Currie and John McLaurin.

After Sessions of Friday: J. C. Alexander, T. J. Allison, A. L. Crawford, T. C. Ford, L. B. Johnston, P. R. Law, J. P. McPherson, W. F. Thom, W. F. Wilhelm, H. T. Darnall, J. D. McNeely, E. F. Rockwell, J. N. H. Adams, W. W. Pharr, David Wharton, H. H. Hodgin, D. McKay, Thos. Rankin, L. M. Stuart, Alex. McRae, J. R. McNeely, S. K. Scott, M. J. Blue, S. D. Blackwood, P. C. Shaw, Geo. Willcox, Hector McEachern, Nat. Johnston, D. Watson, J. W. Moore,

Resolutions Concerning Davidson College.

Roger Martin, A. McQueen, M. Shaw, A. N. McNinch, W. R. Atkinson, L. McDonald, R. W. Boyd, R. Culbertson, John Wharton, R. D. Collins, A. C. McAllister, N. McKay, E. McNair, A. M. Watson.

Excused for tardiness at this meeting: P. P. Winn, A. S. Williamson, S. H. Isler, W. B. Tidball, Thos. Stamps, J. C. Wharton, L. R. Land, J. N. Craig, E. M. Stevenson, E. McNair, N. McKay, D. D. McBryde, M. McQueen, A. McQueen, A. N. Ferguson, J. S. Black, W. F. Carter, R. Culbertson, J. W. Moore, W. W. Pharr, Roger Martin, W. R. Atkinson, J. M. Wharey, R. A. Miller, A. W. White, R. W. Boyd, A. G. Buckner, Jos. Evans, J. P. Gammon.

Those members of Synod who, by reason of age and infirmity, are excused from attendance upon their Presbyteries were, on motion, excused from attendance upon this body.

The First Order of the Day for this morning was announced, and the Synod was addressed by the Rev. J. B. Mack, D. D., Financial Agent of Davidson College, with reference to the interests of that institution.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted by the Synod:

Resolved, 1*st*, That Synod has heard with deep interest the presentation of the interests and wants of Davidson College.

2*d*, That Synod earnestly desires to see the prosperity and efficiency of this Institution greatly increased.

3*d*, That Synod approves the endowment of a Chair of Biblical Instruction.

4*th*, That Synod would also express the hope that Rev. Dr. J. B. Mack will accept the Agency for Davidson College, and heartily commends him and the cause he represents to all our churches.

The Second Order of the Day was then called, and the following minutes touching the death of ministers of the Synod deceased since the last meeting of this body, were read by the Chairmen of the respective Committees, and heard with serious and respectful attention by the Synod:

Memorials of Deceased Ministers.

Rev. DRURY LACY, D. D.

Since our last meeting the Synod of North Carolina is called, in the providence of God, to record the death of one of its oldest, most beloved and honored members. On the 1st of August, 1884, the Rev. Drury Lacy, D. D., in the 82d year of his age, ceased from the duties of this life, and released from the infirmities of age, and "made perfect in holiness, passed into glory."

For many years—indeed the far larger part of his ministerial life—he has been associated with this Synod as an active, earnest, successful and beloved minister of the gospel, and occupying very important positions of influence—both as a pastor and as president of Davidson College.

For the last few years the infirmities of age and impaired health forced him, reluctantly, to cease from active labor, and he made his home, most of his time, with his son, the Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, in the town of Jonesboro, N. C., awaiting the summons that should call him to the higher and better home—the eternal rest that remaineth for the people of God. Death come to him at the last, so gently, so noiselessly and peacefully, that he almost literally fell asleep to wake in paradise, in glory and with Christ. In the circumstances of his death there was something so quiet and painless, so gentle and easy in transition, that, as a Synod, we thank the loving kindness of our God for his peaceful and painless departure.

As a Synod, in making a record of our feelings to-day, and this testimonial of our regard and love, we are embarrassed in finding suitable words to express these feelings.

As to-day we look back over the past years when Brother Lacy was in active life, when his presence among us was always greeted with peculiar gladness—for to-day we recall with mournful joy his smiling and radiant face, the cordial grasp of his hand, his warm heart, his eminent social character, the precious memory of happy bygone hours, his love of his brethren, his interest in, and zeal for the Church of Christ, and consecration to his divine Saviour and Lord—the thought of his departure and our loss comes over us, and is inexpressedly saddening.

To the older members of this Synod it is indeed the death of a *beloved brother*, and to the younger that of a *father*. We feel that earth is

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darker to us, who remain, by such removals; yet heaven is made thereby brighter and more inviting, and we make this memorial record with thanksgiving to our God, whose grace made him what he was, and has taken him to be where he now is, redeemed, and sainted and glorified.

Our tender love and sympathy are hereby tendered to all his more immediate family and kindred, and we earnestly pray that this bereavement may be blest to our entire Synod and Church.

Rev. THOMAS GAIRDNER THURSTON

was born in Kailua, on the west coast of Hawaii, the largest of the Sandwich Islands, on the 9th of May, 1836. He was the youngest child of Rev. Asa and Mrs. Lucy Goodale Thurston, who belonged to the first band of missionaries to those islands. Bro. Thurston received his earlier education at a high school near his home, and his collegiate education at Yale, where he was graduated at the age of 22. After one year spent in Illinois he entered Union Theological Seminary, in New York, and took the full course of three years.

Returning then to the Sandwich Islands he was ordained to the work of the ministry by the Presbytery of Mani, October 21st, 1866. Going soon afterwards to California he spent seven years of active work as a member of the Congregational Bay Association. Here he married Miss Harriet T. Richardson, formerly of Maine. She died a few years after marriage, leaving one child, a daughter. In 1875 he was married to Miss Alice Gasking, of Albany, N. Y. In 1876 he joined Concord Presbytery at its spring session at Mocksville. His last labors were confined to the churches of Taylorsville and Hickory. It was while trying to reach the former place to fill his appointment for the coming Sabbath that he was drowned in the Catawba river on Friday, the 22d of February, 1884. No one saw the sad occurrence, but his body was found, by dragging the river, two days afterwards, just about the time he was to have preached. His little daughter Alice, alluded to above, now sixteen years of age, was in the buggy with him and shared his fate.

Brother Thurston was modest and retiring, and had to be well known to be fully appreciated. Those who knew him best loved him most. As a preacher he was at times eloquent. With a mind above ordinary, he had more than usual culture, and his carefully prepared sermons would have graced any pulpit in the land. In regard to his

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faithfulness, he seldom, if ever, missed an appointment. His zeal was unflagging, and it was this that drove him to his death. Surely he deserves to be remembered with those who have been promised the crown of life.

At the conclusion of the reading of these minutes each paper was unanimously adopted by the rising vote of Synod, and commemorative remarks were made by different brethren. After which the Synod engaged in prayer to Almighty God, their devotions being led by the Rev. Dr. J. Henry Smith.

The Stated Clerk was directed to transmit to the families of the deceased brethren copies of the memorials adopted, with the expression of the sympathy of the Synod, and to make the customary memorial record in the book of minutes.

The Agent of Sabbath Schools, *pro tempore*, Rev. P. P. Winn, made his report, which was received and approved.

The following resolution was then offered and adopted:

The Synod of North Carolina desires to express its sincere and hearty appreciation of the generous and considerate hospitality extended to this body during its sessions in the town of Winston, by the members of the Presbyterian church and congregation, by those of other communions, and by the citizens of this community and Salem. The Synod desires further to return its thanks for the special and agreeable courtesies shown in the tender of houses of worship for occupancy by the Synod, in the arrangements for convenience and comfort in their meetings, and in invitations to their institutions of learning. The Synod also recognizes the kindness of reduced rates granted by the various railways of the State.

The Synod requests the publication of this resolution in the papers of Winston, and its reading by the Pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The Roll was called before final adjournment and none was found to be absent without leave.

Adjournment.

The minutes of the fourth day's session were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned, to meet in the town of Reidsville, on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, 1885, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Closed with singing, prayer, and the apostolic benediction.

P. T. PENICK, *Moderator.*

J. A. RAMSAY, }
S. K. SCOTT, } *Temporary Clerks.*

A true copy from the records.

ATTEST: WM. S. LACY, *Stated Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX.

A.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Orange report:—

1. They have thirty-one Ministers, sixty-five Churches, three Licentiates and six Candidates.

2. They lost by death on the 1st of August, 1884, the venerable Drury Lacy, D. D.

3. Received, December 28, 1883, the Rev. L. B. Johnston, from the Presbytery of West Hanover; November 17, 1883, the Rev. S. H. Isler, from Presbytery of Wilmington; April 24, 1884, the Rev. Wm. F. Wilhelm, from Presbytery of Greenbrier; May 21, 1884, the Rev. S. H. Chester, from Presbytery of Ebenezer.

4. Dismissed on March 5, 1884, the Rev. George Summey to Presbytery of Bethel.

5. They have received Mr. Samuel S. Oliver under their care as a candidate for the ministry.

6. They have licensed as probationers: 1st, Robert E. Caldwell, April 25, 1884; 2d, Richard B. Willis, May 22, 1884.

7. They report eight installations, viz: 1st, Rev. Jas. L. Currie, pastor of Stoney Creek church; 2d, Rev. Jas. L. Currie, pastor of Grier's church; 3d, Rev. A. L. Crawford, pastor of Lexington church; 4th, Rev. P. H. Dalton, pastor of New Hope church; 5th, Rev. L. B. Johnston, pastor of Henderson church; 6th, Rev. L. B. Johnston, pastor of Nutbush church; 7th, Rev. S. H. Chester, pastor of Hawfield church; 8th, Rev. S. H. Chester, pastor of Cross Roads church.

8. Two dissolutions of pastoral relations: 1st, between Rev. George Summey and Graham church; 2d, between Rev. George Summey and Company Shops church.

9. A new church was organized at Worthville, Randolph county, on 30th of March, 1884.

10. Total membership is 4,083. Of the sixty-five churches six have no session, six are vacant, twenty-two have stated supplies, and thirty have pastors. Of our thirty-one ministers, eighteen are pastors, four are stated supplies, four are evangelists, and five are without charge —three of whom are infirm.

11 The Presbytery will hold their next meeting at Henderson, N. C., Wednesday before the 5th Sabbath of March, 1885, at 7:30 P. M.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Concord respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they consist of nineteen Ministers and thirty nine Churches, and have under their care one Licentiate and one Candidate.

They report further that on the 6th of October, 1883, they installed Rev. A. Walker White, pastor of Third Creek church, and on the 13th of October, 1883, pastor of Fifth Creek church; that on November 4th, 1883, they installed Rev. T. G. Thurston pastor of Hickory church; that on the 17th of October, 1883, they organized the Beulah church, in Stanly county, with 18 members; that on the 15th of January, 1884, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. Wm. W. Pharr and the church of Bethpage, and on the 16th day of February installed him pastor of the Prospect church; that on the 22d day of February, 1884, they lost by death the Rev. T. G. Thurston; that on the 24th of April last they dismissed Rev. C. A. Monroe, at his request, to Greenbrier Presbytery, Va., and on the same day received Columbus W. Maxwell under the care of Presbytery as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry; that on the 30th day of May last they received Rev. C. M. Payne from the Presbytery of Wilmington, and on the same day installed him pastor of the Concord (town) church; that they received from Orange Presbytery, September 5th, 1884, the Rev. J. L. Williamson; and that their next stated meeting will be held at Hickory church, on Wednesday, 7½ o'clock P. M., before the last Sabbath of April, 1885.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville would respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina, that at present they consist of twenty Ministers and fifty-one Churches, and have under their care one Licentiate and five Candidates for the Gospel ministry: that on April, 1884, they licensed Mr. J. D. Currie to preach the Gospel as a probationer for the Gospel ministry; that on the 18th day of September, 1884, they received Rev. J. Stedman Black, by letter, from the Presbytery of Wilmington; that on the 19th day of September, 1884, they dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. George M. Gibbs and McPherson church; that the next meeting of Presbytery will be held at Smyrna church, Robeson county, N. C., on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in April, 1885, at 12 o'clock M.

Respectfully submitted, by order of Presbytery.

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

Galatia Church, N. C., Sept. 20th, 1884.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Wilmington respectfully report to the Synod of North Carolina that they number thirteen Ministers and thirty-two Churches, and have under their care one Licentiate and one Candidate; that on the 16th day of November, 1883, they, at his own request, dismissed Rev. S. H. Isler to the Presbytery of Orange; that on the 30th day of March, 1884, they organized the church of Chadbourn; that on the 18th day of April they dissolved the pastoral relations between Rev. C. M. Payne and the 2d church, Wilmington; that on the same day, at his own request, they dismissed him to the Presbytery of Concord; that on the 15th day of September they, at his own request, dismissed Rev. J. S. Black to the Presbytery of Fayetteville; that on the 27th day of September they ordained Licentiate A. L. Phillips to the full work of the ministry, and that their next stated meeting will be held at Mt. Olive church, Wayne county, on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in March, 1885, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

By order of the Presbytery,

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

Statistical Reports, Concluded. Mecklenburg.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports thirty-three Ministers, fifty-two Churches, eight Candidates, five thousand and twenty-nine Communicants—two hundred and twenty-six added on examination during the year ending April 1, 1884.

They have received two Ministers—Rev. R. B. Morrow, from Presbytery of Central Mississippi, May 1, 1884, and Rev. L. R. McCormick, from Bethel Presbytery, September 25, 1884,—and Licentiate Robert S. Brown, from the Elk Presbytery, Cumberland Presbyterian Church May 2, 1884.

Dissolved two Pastoral Relations—between Rev. F. L. Leeper and Hopewell church, July 16, 1884, and Rev. W. W. Pharr, D. D., and Mallard Creek church, September 25, 1884.

Transferred Rev. F. L. Leeper to Presbytery of Nashville, July 16, 1884. Received a candidate, Robert Lee Glenn, Sept. 25, 1884.

Ordained one Licentiate, Robert S. Brown, Evangelist, July 11, 1884.

Organized one Church, King's Mountain, in Cleveland county, April 5, 1884.

Received from Catawba Presbytery (North), Duncan's Creek church, in Rutherford county, N. C.

Suspended one Minister, Rev. D. P. Robinson, September 27, 1884.

Nineteen Ministers are pastors or Stated Supplies or Evangelists, nine are infirm, and five are without charges; nine Churches are vacant.

In Sunday Schools twenty-one hundred and sixty-five pupils.

Total aggregate of all funds raised $29,571, being $93 more than was raised the year before.

Next semi-annual meeting of Presbytery at Paw Creek church on the 25th day of March, 1885.

Attest: R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

Lincolnton, N. C., Oct. 1, 1884.

Systematic Beneficence. Orange. Concord.

B.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Orange to the Synod of North Carolina for the year ending April 1st, 1884:

44	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 558 72
45	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	626 48
41	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	278 13
47	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	1146 15
42	"	"	"	Education	289 39
41	"	"	"	Publication	226 82
26	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute (colored)	124 59
	Total				$3250 28

25 Congregations have contributed to all the seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; 13 have contributed to six; 5 have contributed to five; 3 have contributed to four; — have contributed to three; 1 has contributed to two; 1 has contributed to one; 5 have contributed to none.

Attest: F. H. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Concord to the Synod of North Carolina for the year ending April, 1884:

24	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 313 44
21	"	"	"	Evangelistic Work	709 20
24	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	146 37
29	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	1654 55
20	"	"	"	Education	178 51
21	"	"	"	Publication	70 00
8	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	23 00
	Total				$3095 07

Systematic Beneficence, Continued. Fayetteville. Wilmington.

Four of our 37 churches contributed to all the seven objects ordered by the General Assembly; eleven to six of them; six to five of them; three to four of them; two to three of them; two to two of them, and one to one of them.

WM. W. PHARR,
Stated Clerk.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Fayetteville to the Synod of North Carolina for the year ending April 1st, 1884:

36	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 267 74
30	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	284 33
33	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	215 62
36	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	1182 55
35	"	"	"	Education	311 80
31	"	"	"	Publication	187 19
18	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	54 56
	Total				$2503 79

J. P. McPHERSON,
Stated Clerk.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Report of the Presbytery of Wilmington to the Synod of North Carolina for the year ending April, 1884:

22	Churches	contributed	to	Sustentation	$ 247 00
20	"	"	"	Evangelistic Work	214 00
19	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	193 00
21	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	893 00
21	"	"	"	Education	172 00
19	"	"	"	Publication	83 00
10	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	77 00
	Total				$1869 00

Ten congregations have contributed to all seven objects of benevolence ordered by the General Assembly; seven have contributed to

six; two have contributed to five; one has contributed to four; two have contributed to three, and three have contributed to none.

Seven churches have failed to report.

By order of the Presbytery:

JAMES M. SPRUNT,
Stated Clerk.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Mecklenburg reports for the year ending April, 1884:

30	Churches	contributed	to	Home Missions	$1277 00
15	"	"	"	Evangelistic Fund	938 00
18	"	"	"	Invalid Fund	204 00
29	"	"	"	Foreign Missions	2652 00
27	"	"	"	Education	2451 00
20	"	"	"	Publication	156 00
6	"	"	"	Tuskaloosa Institute	57 00
	Total				$7735 00

Being $2,175 more than was contributed the previous year.

One church contributed to seven objects and eleven gave to six objects. Eighteen churches reported nothing, viz: Amity, Davidson River, Sandy Plains, Mills River, Hendersonville, Polkton, Machpelah, Matthews, Rutherfordton, Hephzibah, Hiwassee, Morrison, Franklin, Red Oak, Oak Forest, Bethlehem, Charleston and King's Mountain.

By order of the Presbytery:

R. Z. JOHNSTON,
Stated Clerk.

September, 1884.

C.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, IN VIRGINIA, 1883–'84.

The Trustees of the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia submit to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and to the Synods of North Carolina and Virginia the following

REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Corporation was held on the 6th and 7th days of May, 1884. Twenty of the twenty-four Trustees were present.

It is with grateful acknowledgment of the Divine care and blessing, extended to this institution during the last year, that the Corporation present this their annual report. The health of the professors and students has been remarkably good, and the exercises of the institution maintained without interruption to the close of the scholastic year.

The total number of students in attendance during the term was forty-eight, distributed by classes as follows: Seniors 17, Middle 15, Juniors 16. Of the Senior class nine members were graduated in due form, having completed the prescribed course of study, and passed the final examinations. The remainder of the class, for various reasons, but in the majority of instances on account of having to meet their Presbyteries with a view to licensure, left the institution before the close of the term.

The Diploma of the Seminary was awarded at the Commencement exercises to the following young gentlemen, to-wit: Junius W. Allen, Water Valley, Miss.; Robert E. Caldwell, Greensboro, N. C.; J. B. Devault, Leesburg, Tenn.; S. Oscar Hall, Mumford, Ala.; Charles W. Latham, Odessa, Mo.; James C. McClung, Lexington, Va.; Wm. McC. Miller, Christiansburg, Va.; W. O. Stephens, Peaksville, Mo.; R. B. Willis, Leaksville, N. C.

It is gratifying to the Trustees to be able, as in former years, to report general conscientious diligence and good degree of proficiency among the students, and that the usual interest and enthusiasm, both

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on the part of professors and students, have been sustained, notwithstanding the severe loss occasioned to the teaching force by the resignation of Prof. Dabney in June, 1883, and the consequent vacancy of one of the chairs for an entire term.

At a meeting of the Trustees, called for the purpose, in Richmond, Va., in July, 1883, the resignation of Dr. Dabney was, with great reluctance, accepted, and the Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Peck, the then Professor of Church History, was unanimously elected Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Dabney.

At the present meeting (May, 1884,) the Trustees, by unanimous vote, elected the Rev. James F. Latimer, Ph. D., of Memphis, Tenn., Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity. At the same meeting the Trustees elected the Rev W. W. Moore, of North Carolina, Adjunct Professor of Oriental Literature, in which department Mr. Moore filled the position of Assistant Instructor, during the past year, with the most gratifying success.

The Trustees thus look forward, with confident hope, to enlarged usefulness of this institution in the work of preparing our young men for acceptable ministry in the Gospel of Christ.

Mention is made in the last annual report of the initiation of measures for the endowment of a Fifth Professorship of English Biblical Study and Pastoral Theology. Such measures have now taken practical shape in the placing of an Agent in the field with the view of raising the sum of fifty thousand dollars as a necessary Endowment, and a beginning, encouraging in success, has been made towards that. The Agent is the Rev. S. Taylor Martin.

The statement of the Treasurer, appended to this report, will show the sound financial condition of the Seminary. Additions continue to be made, both by gift and purchase, to the Library, which now numbers over twelve thousand volumes. We would mention here also the generous donation to the Institution, by Mr. W. D. Reynolds of Norfolk, Va., of a model plaster cast of the Obelisk of Assurbanipal, one of the Emperors of Assyria, procured from the British Museum.

In conclusion, the Trustees cannot refrain from expressing unfeigned gratitude to God for His guidance of them and of the Institution committed to them, through another year, amid many anxieties and cares; and their humble confidence that, whatever the future may bring to pass, He will be their Guide to the end. To Him be all the praise!

By order of the Trustees and Directors:

J. HENRY SMITH, *President.*

F. N. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

The legal title is, "THE TRUSTEES OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN VIRGINIA." (See Session Acts of Virginia, 1866-67, page 507.)

By the report of the Treasurer the amount of the invested funds of the Corporation, as of 1st April, 1884, was $252,595.

The interest on this sum constitutes the income from which salaries, expenses, payments to scholarship funds and library are paid.

The Trustees are as follows: Rev. Dr. J. J. Bullock, President; Rev. Dr. F. H. Johnston, 1st, and Mr. T. J. Kirkpatrick, 2d Vice President; Rev. Drs. J. M. Atkinson, J. H. Smith, H. G. Hill, W. W. Pharr, J. Rumple, W. Brown, C. H. Read, H. M. White, J. L. Kirkpatrick, W. T. Richardson, A. Martin, C. White, Rev. Messrs. W. S. Lacy, B. F. Marable, and Messrs. E. M. Armstrong, J. M. Sydenstricker, E. N. Hutchison, W. Murdock, R. J. McDowell and F. N. Watkins.

The Faculty consists of the Rev. Profs. B. M. Smith, T. E. Peck, H. C. Alexander, W. W. Moore, J. F. Latimer (elect), whose postoffice address is *Hampden Sidney, Va.* The Treasurer and Secretary is Judge F. N. Watkins, *Farmville, Va.*

The next Term begins 3d of September, 1884, and ends on the 6th of May, 1885.

F. N. WATKINS, *Secretary.*

FARMVILLE, VA., 7th May, 1884.

D.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Receipts.

Balance in Treasury, last report, 13th of November, 1883	$187 89
Mecklenburg Presbytery for 1883	45 00
Wilmington Presbytery for 1884	30 00
Orange Presbytery for 1884	75 00
Total	$337 89

Payments.

To Rev. W. S. Lacy, Stated Clerk, Salary and Account from Synod 1882 to Synod 1883	$105 25
Printing, Binding and Mailing Minutes of 1883	192 46
Balance on hand	40 18
Total	$337 89

The Assessments on Mecklenburg, Concord and Fayetteville Presbyteries for 1884 are now due.

I know of no claim against the Synod, except the salary and account of the Stated Clerk for the past year and printing the Minutes of the present Session.

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE H. LINDSAY, *Treasurer.*

E.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SYNOD.

THE REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA TO THE SYNOD HELD AT WINSTON, N. C., OCT. 1ST, 1884.

The Trustees of your venerable body respectfully report:

That the notes on hand for the Synod, heretofore reported insolvent, are still held by your Trustees, and that they have not been advised of any business requiring their attention since the last report to your venerable body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BROWN, *Chairman.*

Charlotte, September 30, 1884.

F.

STATISTICS OF REPORTS OF SYNODICAL AGENTS.

(In Accordance with Rule 14, Standing Rules of Synod.)

I.—SUSTENTATION.

1. *As to Ministerial Support.*—Synod has 116 ordained Ministers, 93 laboring Ministers, 8 Licentiates and 239 Churches.

It pays in Salaries:

Concord,	15	Ministers and	3,804	Communicants,	pays.....	$10,933
Fayetteville,	18	"	5,065	"	"	9,613
Mecklenburg,	24	"	5,027	"	"	13,126
Orange,	26	"	4,083	"	"	16,409
Wilmington,	10	"	1,972	"	"	9,767
Synod,	93	"	19,951	"	"	$59,848

The average salaries actually paid are:

In Concord	$729
Fayetteville	534
Mecklenburg	547
Orange	631
Wilmington	976
Synod	$644

In obtaining this average only laboring Ministers preaching to charges in their Presbyteries have been considered. The average salary thus estimated as paid in the Synod is $59 less than last year.

This average does not accurately represent the support promised or actually given, as the average of stipends promised would be much greater, and some ministers laboring as Colporteurs and Evangelists do not have the sums received from colportage work and Presbyterial funds reported in the Assembly's Minutes. In some Presbyteries, too, if the salaries paid a few ministers in the larger towns and cities were omitted the average amount paid the large majority of working ministers would be much smaller than the $644 reported. The whole amount actually paid in Salaries by the Synod to ninety-three laboring minis-

ters is less than that paid ninety-one such ministers last year by $4,124.

This retrogression may be in part accounted for by short crops and financial stringency in many parts of our State during the past year. But the meagre support of working pastors and supplies, driving many of them, who have families, into secular pursuits to some extent in order to live, is due mainly to the facts that all laborers are not fully employed as preachers; that many of our people do not truly consecrate their substance to God; that few of our church members support Gospel ordinances according to their ability; that many professing Christians give little or nothing to church support, and that the Divine directions as to the duty and measure of pious giving are too little pondered and observed. When Pastors, Sessions, Diaconates and Presbyteries adopt means for abating these evils, defective ministerial support with its attendant drawbacks—a secularized clergy, less forcible preaching and deficient pastoral work—will be diminished.

2. *As to Sustentation.*—In this work our Presbyteries sustain to the Assembly's Home Missions Committee the following relations:

Concord does not co-operate with it at all, though one church, one Sabbath school and some private parties within its bounds contributed to the Assembly's treasury $27 30.

Fayetteville gives 20 per cent. of its receipts for Sustentation.

Mecklenburg contributes 10 per cent. of its collections.

Orange gives all its receipts to the Assembly's treasury and draws from it what is needed in its own bounds.

Wilmington adopts the same plan as Orange.

During the past year the two last Presbyteries have drawn from the Assembly's treasury more than they contributed.

The contributions to Sustentation, and the disbursements have been as follows:

Presbyteries.	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord	$ 339	$ 27	$ 0	$ 339
Fayetteville	300	56	0	357
Mecklenburg	1135	113	0	1135
Orange	550	142	202	400
Wilmington	220	220	225	225
Synod	$2544	$558	$427	$2456

All our Presbyteries, except Concord, co-operate with the Assembly's

Committee in Sustentation work, to some extent, but the whole amount contributed to this cause is insufficient for aiding properly the feeble churches in the Synod, to say nothing of those outside of our bounds.

Grouping feeble churches, attaching weak, isolated churches to the nearest strong charges, aiding non-self-sustaining groups, and multiplying the labors of our settled ministers, are the means to be constantly used in all our Presbyteries for giving weak organizations the stated ordinances of worship.

Such measures, however, have not prevented us from reporting 49 churches in the Synod vacant—12 more than we had last year. But the whole number of churches is 7 greater than in the previous year. Concord has 8 vacant churches, Fayetteville 4, Mecklenburg 15, Orange 12 and Wilmington 10. Some of these vacancies have been supplied since the Assembly's minutes were published, and many of these vacant churches have more or less preaching by supplies appointed by the Presbyteries.

In the Synod during the year 19 church buildings have been begun, completed or repaired and improved: In Concord 3, Fayetteville 7, Mecklenburg 2, Orange 3, Wilmington 4.

In providing parsonages progress has been made: Concord has 9; Fayetteville 2—1 acquired during the year; Mecklenburg 13—3 gained during the year; Orange 11; Wilmington 3—1 completed during the year. The Synod 38—a gain of 5 since last year.

3. *As to Invalid Fund.*—In raising and disbursing this fund for disabled ministers and the families of those deceased, the Presbyteries of Fayetteville, Orange and Wilmington co-operate with the Assembly's Committee. Concord and Mecklenburg act independently, though small sums are contributed by individuals and churches within their bounds for this cause to the Assembly's treasury. The contributions and disbursements have been as follows:

Presbyteries.	Cause.	Assembly's Committee.	Received.	Disbursed.
Concord contributed	$ 151	$ 15	$ 00	$ 200
Fayetteville "	251	251	00	00
Mecklenburg "	225	42	00	175
Orange "	307	266	220	200
Wilmington "	200	200	100	100
Synod	$ 1134	$ 774	$ 320	$ 675

Aided in Concord Presbytery, 1 person, 1 family; in Fayetteville

Presbytery, 00; in Mecklenburg Presbytery, 2 families; in Orange Presbytery, 5 persons; in Wilmington Presbytery, 1 family; in Synod, 6 persons, 4 families.

II.—EDUCATION.

The mission of the Church is to be the teacher of the world in things pertaining to God and human salvation. In the accomplishment of this mission she is required not only to pray to the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest, but also to use all proper means to call out these laborers and prepare them for their responsible work.

Our attention is therefore to be called to the number of candidates for the work of the ministry and to the means furnished for aiding them in the prosecution of their studies. In the Synod of North Carolina the number of candidates for the ministry is as follows, viz: Concord Presbytery has 1 candidate; Fayetteville, 5; Mecklenburg, 8; Orange, 6; and Wilmington, 1—total, 21. This is but one more than we had in 1883, 7 more than in 1882, 5 more than in 1881, and 6 more than in 1880; that is, we have 5 candidates more this year than in any of the past years, except the last. Though this rate is very small, still it is an increase, and so, encouraging. In the whole Church the increase has been larger. This year we have reported a total of 234 candidates, as against 199 in 1883, 160 in 1882, 144 in 1881, and 145 in 1880. As our increase has not been in the same ratio, it thus appears that the Synod of North Carolina is falling behind other Synods of our connection.

It may be of some interest to know from what sections of country our candidates are coming, in order to learn what special causes may be operating in decreasing or increasing the number. And as the simplest standard of comparison we may take the number of ministers in each Synod and ascertain the proportion between them and their respective number of candidates.

In the Synod of Alabama the candidates are 3.2 per cent. of the ministers; in Mississippi 3.2; in Memphis 3.0; in Virginia and Nashville 2.6; in Arkansas 2.4; in South Carolina 2.1; in North Carolina, Texas and Kentucky 1.8; in Georgia, South Georgia and Florida 1.4; in Missouri 0.8. That is, the Synods of Alabama, Mississippi and Memphis are now furnishing the greater number in proportion to the actual ministers, while the Synods of Kentucky, Georgia and Missouri furnish the smallest number. North Carolina is the eighth in the list of

thirteen Synods—alongside of Texas, on the frontier. This comparison suggests the painful fact that this old Synod, with all her facilities for education, is falling behind the younger Synods in the important work of furnishing ministers for our Church.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A second subject of interest is the amount contributed to the cause of Education: Concord Presbytery contributed last year $2,061; Fayetteville, $333; Mecklenburg, $2,451; Orange, $280; Wilmington, $172. Total, $5,297. In 1883 the total was $2,077; in 1882, $1,102; in 1881, $1,716; in 1880, $1,494. That is, the contribution of this year is more than double that of last year, and four times as great as it was five years ago. This large increase of the year 1884 is due, in part, to the contributions made to specific objects. Thus two of our churches are credited with $3,052—more than half of the whole amount. In one of these cases the greater part was given to the endowment of Davidson College, and it was probably the same in the other case.

In regard to contributions this Synod compares favorably with any of the Synods. Virginia gave $6,949, South Carolina $5,784, North Carolina $5,297, and Kentucky $4,490. The most liberal of the other Synods gave each about half as much as each of these four. It may be remarked that these four liberal Synods have each been engaged in the work of endowing colleges or seminaries.

INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.

In concluding this report, your Agent desires to call attention to two special objects of interest.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

is the first of these institutions. To foster and maintain this College appears to be the peculiar work of the Synod of North Carolina. Three other Synods are indeed joined with us in its management, but as these Synods are engaged in the work of endowing Columbia Theological Seminary, it is evident that the principal burden of endowing Davidson College will fall upon the Synod of North Carolina.

The Trustees have recently undertaken to endow a chair of Biblical Instruction and Christian Evidences, and with this chair may be connected the Presidency. About $12,000 has already been subscribed and $4,000 paid in to this endowment. A chair of English Language and Literature is also projected. An Agent has been selected with the view of raising $50,000 additional endowment.

These chairs are of vital importance to the efficiency of the College, and the enterprise is commended to the favor of the Synod.

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The other scheme is the endowment of the chair of Biblical Instruction in English and Pastoral Theology in Union Seminary. The impression seems to be deepening in many parts of our Church that the study of the English Scriptures ought to be more prominent in our Seminary, so that our ministers may begin their work with a more thorough acquaintance with the Word of God in the language of the people. An Agent has been placed in the field for the purpose of endowing this chair, and is now at work. This enterprise is also cordially commended to the favorable notice of the Synod.

III.—PUBLICATION.

1. *Statistical.*—An examination of the Assembly's minutes discloses that the contributions to the cause of Publication by the churches of this Synod for the year ending April 1, 1884, amount in the aggregate to $700. This amount is $155 less than that reported last year, $218 less than in 1882, $92 less than in 1881, and $81 less than in 1880. Hence the contributions are smaller this year than they have been in five years. The decrease for the past year appears in the following Presbyteries: Fayetteville, $38; Mecklenburg, $45; Concord, $56; and Wilmington $53. Orange only reports an increase, viz: $37.

The Treasurer of the Assembly's Committee acknowledges receipts from the Presbyteries of the Synod as follows: Concord, $143.63; Fayetteville, $146.03; Orange, $151.57: Mecklenburg, $12.43; Wilmington, $102.08. Total, $561.74, or $169.41 less than in 1883.

There are 239 churches in the Synod, with an aggregate membership of 19,951. Of these 101 are non-contributing churches, with an aggregate membership of 6,058. The non-contributing churches are distributed as follows: Concord Presbytery 18, membership 1,202; Fayetteville 15, 1,580; Mecklenburg 32, 2.239; Orange 25, 641; Wilmington 11, 396. Totals, 101 churches, 6,058 members.

The average amount per member, counting only the contributing churches, is five cents only. Nearly one-half of the churches and one-third of the members gave nothing to this cause. A careful examination of the minutes will show that a large proportion of these non-contributing churches are strong in numbers, many of them large and wealthy, and nearly all enjoy the privileges of stated worship.

2. *Colportage.*—The work of Colportage, it is a pleasure to record, has been pressed with more than usual vigor during the past year.

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In the Presbytery of Concord a colporteur has been employed constantly during the past year, and has prosecuted his work with considerable success, having sold during the year something over $300 worth of books. A similar report comes from the Presbytery of Fayetteville. During the past year four district colporteurs, and one for the Presbytery at large, have been in the field. While from the great scarcity of money not as great results were effected as was hoped, still a considerable number of churches and families were visited, many religious publications were given away, and about $300 worth of books were sold. Arrangements are now making in this Presbytery to extend the work considerably the present year.

In the Presbytery of Mecklenburg five or six colporteurs have been engaged a part of the year in canvassing the mountain regions. As soon as a suitable man can be secured it is proposed to put a regular colporteur in the field, and to enter with greater activity upon this important work. A depository has also been established in the city of Charlotte, where there is kept constantly on sale choice religious books for church and Sabbath-school uses. Your Agent is informed that the business is increasing constantly as this effort is becoming better known, and the work assuming larger proportions. In the Presbyteries of Orange and Wilmington nothing has been effected in this department of work, so far as the Agent has information, though in the former Presbytery an unsuccessful attempt was made.

GENERAL CAUSE.

In regard to the general work of Publication, as conducted by our Church, several facts should be noted:

1. That the resumption of the business of the Depository in the city of Richmond has been attended with such encouraging results, and that the volume of business is constantly increasing as our people are becoming more fully acquainted with the facilities afforded.

2. The revision of the price-list, by which so great a reduction has been made, that our people may supply themselves with choice literature upon the most favorable terms.

3. The thorough organization of the work and the adoption of such a system as will hereafter secure accuracy, exactness and prompt attention to all orders sent.

4. The publication of a new edition of the "Book of Church Order," with index and with the paragraphs numbered consecutively.

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IV.—FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last report of the Assembly's Committee of Foreign Missions shows the aggregate sum raised in the Synod for this cause during the year ending April 1, 1884, was $85.15, an increase over the previous year of $14, being a little over 42½ cents per member (a less average per member than last year). There was progress, however, in all the Presbyteries except Concord. Mecklenburg raised $2,613, increase $250; Fayetteville raised $1,707, increase $74; Concord raised $1,423, decrease $930; Orange raised $1,361, increase $125; Wilmington raised $1,338, increase $482; Synodical collection $73. Total, $8,515. The greatest increase was in Wilmington Presbytery.

In some of the wealthiest Presbyterian communities the contributions were larger than they were last year, e. g., Charlotte, Wilmington and Mooresville, and they were less in Concord, Raleigh, Statesville, Salisbury and Steele Creek. A gradual improvement is observed in most of the churches that contribute annually.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL EFFORTS.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery 10 Sunday-schools raised $307—Castania Grove, Steele Creek, Asheville, Charlotte, First and Second churches, Lincolnton, Mallard Creek, Huntersville, Amity and Monroe. In Fayetteville Presbytery 8 Sunday-schools raised $70—Buffalo, Ashpole, Laurel Hill, Lumber Bridge, Big Rockfish, Laurinburg, Bluff and Cedar Spring. In Concord Presbytery 6 Sunday-schools raised $164—Morganton, Concord (town), Mooresville, Davidson College, Bethany and Unity. In Orange Presbytery 5 Sunday-schools raised $58—High Point, Newbern, Red House, Hillsboro and Winston. In Wilmington Presbytery 4 Sunday-schools raised $60—Wilmington, First church, Goldsboro, Clinton and Hallsville. That is to say, 33 Sunday-schools in the Synod raised $659.

LADIES' AID SOCIETIES.

In Mecklenburg Presbytery 18 raised $730—Olney, Charlotte (Female Institute and First and Second churches), Pineville, Long Creek, Mallard Creek, Hopewell (2), Sugar Creek, Philadelphia, Castania Grove, Little Brittain, Steele Creek, Lincolnton, Goshen and Highlands. In Fayetteville Presbytery 19 raised $485—Centre, Shoe Heel, Union, Buffalo, Antioch, Euphronia, Philadelphus, Bethesda, Carthage, St. Paul, Sardis, Fayetteville, Tirza, Mt. Tabor, Cameron and Lumber Bridge. In Concord Presbytery 12 raised $368—Statesville, Centre, Bethel, Poplar Tent, Mooresville, Morganton, Third Creek, Concord,

Franklin, Unity, Concord (town), Fifth Creek. In Wilmington Presbytery 2 raised $290—Wilmington First and Second churches. In Orange Presbytery 7 raised $298—Raleigh (4), Winston (2), Buffalo. That is, 50 Ladies' Societies raised $2,151.

Contributing churches 172—in Fayetteville Presbytery 47, in Orange Presbytery 37, in Mecklenburg Presbytery 36, in Concord Presbytery 34, in Wilmington Presbytery 21. Churches not reporting anything for Foreign Missions, 67. In the following churches contributions were made by the congregations, Ladies' Aid Societies and Sabbath-schools, Morganton, Mooresville, Unity, Buffalo (in Fayetteville Presbytery): Lumber Bridge, Big Rockfish, Steele Creek, Charlotte First and Second churches, Lincolnton, Mallard Creek, Winston and Wilmington First church. All that was raised in Third Creek, Fayetteville, Mt. Tabor, Elwood and Little Brittain churches was by the efforts of Ladies' Societies. The Sunday-schools contributed all that was reported by Cedar Spring, Amity, High Point and Hallsville churches.

V.—SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Agent respectfully reports from the data before him, that of the two hundred and thirty-nine (239) churches in our Synod, one hundred and sixty (160) furnish the following statistics for the ecclesiastical year ending April, 1884:

Presbyteries.	No. on Rolls.			Scholars admitted to communion.	Amounts for Schools.	Amounts for Beneficence.
	Schools.	Teachers.	Scholars.			
Concord	30	299	2720	123	$ 346 24	$ 449 60
Fayetteville	38	279	2179	67	449 93	161 03
Mecklenburg	32	313	2500	72	———	728 00
Orange	38	335	2454	83	769 67	277 10
Wilmington	25	188	1154	17	357 00	102 00
Total	163	1414	11007	362	$1922 84	$1717 73

Comparing these summaries with our position last year, another gratifying advance is manifested, viz: there is an increase of 9 schools, 73 teachers, 589 scholars, 20 conversions, and contributions for benefi-

cence larger by $448 73. It is, however, to be regretted that the advance in the work is not as great as in the preceding year.

Your Agent would again bring to the attention of the Synod the unpleasant feature of these statistics—the large number of our churches (79) that appear to have no Sabbath-schools. It is feared that many of these churches are coming far short of their duty and privilege in neglecting to take part in this important and hopeful part of the Church's work.

Your Agent takes great pleasure in reporting that the Presbytery of Fayetteville holds a Sabbath-school Convention just before each fall meeting, and that the Presbytery of Concord has made arrangements to do the same.

VI.—EVANGELISTIC LABOR.

Concord Presbytery reports two ministers engaged in evangelistic labor. Six additional ones needed. They have not the means to employ them. One church organized, forty members received, twelve adults and thirteen infants baptized. Eight or ten destitute places supplied with preaching by evangelists. Five hundred dollars collected from the field and $1,000 from other sources. Total $1,500. They were quite low in ministerial supplies a short time since, but are now very well supplied, and hope very soon to have all their churches furnished with regular preaching. They have four counties with no Presbyterian church, and four with only one, and one with two. The prospects of this work are encouraging in their bounds.

Fayetteville Presbytery reports no evangelist for the year ending April 1, 1884. Since that time, however, a Presbyterial evangelist has been employed. They do not need more than one evangelist, and are unable to sustain him all the time. No funds raised from the evangelistic field, which is quite small and unpromising. Three hundred dollars raised by the churches for evangelistic work. Their most interesting work is done by settled ministers in the regions around their charges or in their mission field proper. Their ministers are authorized to do work in the latter field. They are promised $10 per week for such labor. Many of their pastors and stated supplies have mission points or chapels in the outskirts of their charges, where they preach regularly during the week or on Sabbath evening. Here Sabbath-schools are maintained, members are added to the parent Church, and in some cases these chapels grow into self-sustaining churches.

Reports of Synodical Agents. Evangelistic Labor.

Their churches are making progress in numbers, in Sabbath-school work, in improving their houses of worship, etc. Thus the Church is gradually strengthening in the bounds of their Presbytery.

Orange Presbytery reports five ministers engaged part of their time in Evangelistic Labor. The other part of their time they are engaged in supplying weak churches, some of them very feeble. They need at least three additional evangelists. They have not the means to employ the services of such laborers. They have organized 3 churches, received 34 members, baptized 5 adults and 8 infants. They have supplied 21 destitute places and churches. Money raised in the evangelistic fields, $900. Money raised from other sources, $600. Total, $1,500. Twenty counties without any Presbyterian church; fourteen counties with but one, and three counties with but two. The work of evangelization in their bounds, upon the whole, progressing hopefully. They do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee.

Mecklenburg Presbytery reports their plan for carrying on evangelistic work is to give one or two organized churches to one minister, which stand pledged for a part of his salary or support for a fixed portion of his time, the remainder is devoted to evangelistic work proper, for which he is paid from the Evangelistic Fund. Under this plan they had six evangelists in the field for the year ending April 1, 1884. Five hundred dollars raised from the field and $1,600 from other sources. Total, $2,100. They need not less than ten additional evangelists. They have not the means to employ them. They have four counties with no Presbyterian church; four counties with only one; one church organized. Marked seasons of interest in two of their evangelistic fields. Their churches gradually strengthening and extending under their system of Evangelistic Labor. Their evangelists made the best report this fall they have ever made. They do not co-operate with the Assembly's Committee.

Wilmington Presbytery reports they have one county with no Presbyterian church, two with only one each, and two with only two each. They had one evangelist employed for the year ending April 1, 1884. They raised from the evangelistic field for his support $150, and from other sources were collected $600. Total, $750. They need two additional evangelists. They have not the means to employ them. One church organized. Four destitute places supplied with preaching. Two church buildings were begun. Three additional buildings needed. They have appointed one evangelist for the present year, with a salary of $1,560. Our church is strengthening and extending in the bounds. As compared with last year their churches are much improved. They do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee.

Summary.—The Synod of North Carolina has five Presbyteries, 239 churches, 19,950 communicants—a gain during the year of eight churches and 270 members. Two Presbyteries do not co-operate with the General Assembly's Committee, viz: Orange and Concord. Two Presbyteries co-operate in part, viz: Fayetteville and Mecklenburg. One Presbytery co-operates in full, viz: Wilmington.

Over last year's report, according to minutes of General Assembly, two Presbyteries have increased their contributions to this cause, viz: Orange $40, and Wilmington $27. Three Presbyteries have fallen back, viz: Concord $192, Mecklenburg $316, and Fayetteville $46. Total, $554. Net loss $487. Total amount contributed $2,803—less than that that of preceding year, $387.03.

In the bounds of the Synod there are employed for part of their time in evangelistic labor, 14 ministers. Of these Concord has 2, Orange 5, Mecklenburg 6, Wilmington 1. There are needed 28 additional evangelists—in Concord 6, in Fayetteville 1, in Orange 3, in Mecklenburg 10, in Wilmington 1. None of the Presbyteries have the means to employ the needed laborers. There are in the Synod twenty-nine counties with no Presbyterian church, viz: Concord 4, Fayetteville none, Orange 20, Mecklenburg 4, Wilmington 1. There are twenty-four counties in which there are but one Presbyterian church, viz: Concord 4, Orange 14, Mecklenburg 4, Wilmington 2.

G.

STANDING RULES OF SYNOD.

REVISED NOVEMBER, 1883.

I. OF ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE.

1. The Stated Clerk, the Pastor of the Church in which the Synod holds its annual session, and the Delegate of the Session of said Church, shall constitute a Committee of Enrollment, who shall, at a convenient hour before the opening of the Synod, prepare the Roll of the Synod. And to this Committee of Enrollment shall each member report for enrollment upon appearing at Synod.

Standing Rules of Synod.

2. It shall be the duty of each member, unless released by vote of the Synod, when providentially prevented from attending the Synod, to address a letter to the Moderator, stating reasons for his detention.

3. The Moderator shall at every meeting appoint a Standing Committee on Leave of Absence. To this committee all excuses for absence or late attendance, and for the latter on the part of Ruling Elders as well as Ministers, shall be rendered. The Roll shall be called before final adjournment, and those absent without permission shall be called to answer for such irregularity.

II. OF THE OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES OF SYNOD.

4. A majority of all the votes given shall be necessary in the election of the officers of the Synod.

5. The Treasurer shall submit to the Synod, annually, his book, together with a report of receipts and expenditures, presenting vouchers for the same.

6. The Trustees of Synod shall be elected every four years, and they shall present annually a full written report of the funds in their hands.

7. Agents shall be appointed on each of the following departments of the Church's work, viz; Foreign Missions, Sustentation, Education, Publication, Evangelistic Labor and Sabbath-schools. And it shall be the duty of these Agents to take into consideration the whole field committed to their supervision, and to present at each meeting of the Synod a written report of all that is doing within the bounds of Synod on the subjects severally assigned to them. The Agents for these respective subjects, or Chairmen of Committees, in the several Presbyteries, shall forward to the Synodical Agents such reports as are needful in the preparation of their reports to the Synod. And the Synod shall appoint Orders of the Day for each of these causes at each annual meeting. In connection with the Order for Evangelistic Labor the Synod will hear reports from Presbyterial Agents and Evangelists. And in connection with the consideration of Foreign Missions, a collection may also be taken for this object.

III. OF COMMITTEES.

8. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries shall be referred. And this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod any matter contained in these reports calling for action by this body.

Standing Rules of Synod.

9. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to whom the reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence shall be referred. And this committee shall condense the same and report to the Synod, recommending any action called for on the subject. The Presbyterial Reports shall cover the fiscal year of the Assembly.

10. A Standing Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting to examine the Synodical Records and report thereon.

IV. OF THE STATED CLERK AND THE MINUTES.

11. The Stated Clerk shall forward to the Librarian of Union Theological Seminary and the Librarian of Davidson College, the Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society, and the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, a copy of the Minutes of the Synod as published annually.

12. He shall issue and sign certificates whenever necessary, for the return of members and their families on the railroads of the State to their homes.

13. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes the reports of the Presbyteries furnishing statistics to the Synod, the statistics of the annual reports of the Synodical Agents, when approved by the Synod, requesting on behalf of the Synod the publication of the full reports in the *North Carolina Presbyterian;* a list of the officers and appointees of the Synod; the Standing Rules of the Synod and a Docket of the business of the Synod at its next annual meeting.

14. The Stated Clerk shall publish in the Appendix to the printed Minutes, at least once in five years, the names of the Ruling Elders and Deacons, with their respective postoffices, belonging to the churches composing this Synod. And the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod the information necessary for the execution of this rule.

V. MISCELLANEOUS.

15. The Parliamentary Rules adopted by the General Assembly of 1866, and since that time observed by them, shall be the rules for the guidance of this Synod.

16. The Directors of the Union Theological Seminary, appointed by this Synod, shall render excuse to the Synod for non-attendance on any meeting of the Board, and if so absent without assigning sufficient excuse, his seat in the Board will be declared vacant.

17. It was ordered that it be a Standing Rule of Synod that hereafter the Synodical Communion be celebrated on Thursday evening. (Minutes 1883, p. 402.)

18. The election of Stated Clerk and of Synodical Agents shall be held in 1886, and every three years thereafter—the former to enter upon his duties at the opening of the Synod immediately succeeding that at which he is elected, and the latter to enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the Synod which elected them. (Minutes 1883, p. 420.)

H.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1813.	*Rev. Robert H. Chapman	Alamance Church.
1814.	*Rev. Samuel C. Caldwell	Thyatira Church.
1815.	*Rev. William McPheeters	Fayetteville.
1816.	*Rev. John Robinson	Raleigh.
1817.	No meeting—no quorum present	Rocky River.
1818.	*Rev. Joseph Caldwell, D. D	Fayetteville.
1819.	*Rev. Jonathan Otis Freeman, D. D	Raleigh.
1820.	*Rev. William Paisley	Poplar Tent.
1821.	*Rev. John M. Wilson	Salisbury.
1822.	*Rev. John Robinson	Hillsborough.
1823.	*Rev. John Witherspoon	Fayetteville.
1824.	*Rev. Colin McIver	Statesville
1825.	*Rev. John B. Davis	Greensborough.
1826	*Rev. William McPheeters, D. D	Fayetteville.
1827.	Rev. R. H. Morrison, D. D	Salisbury.

The Stated Clerk has no record of this and the two succeeding meetings.

1828.	*Rev. Lemuel D. Hatch	Raleigh.
1829.	*Rev. John Williamson	Fayetteville.
1830.	*Rev. Samuel L. Graham	Hopewell.

*Deceased.

Moderators of the Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1831.	*Rev. Hiram P. Goodrich	Hillsborough.
1832.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Salisbury.
1833.	*Rev. Henry A. Rowland	Wilmington.
1834.	*Rev. James W. Douglas	Oxford.
1835.	*Rev. Henry N. Pharr	Salisbury.
1836.	*Rev. Joseph Brown	Fayetteville.
1837.	*Rev. N. H. Harding	Shiloh.
1838.	*Rev. Stephen Frontis	Third Creek Church.
1839.	*Rev. Daniel A. Penick	Lincolnton.
1840.	*Rev. Alexander Wilson, D. D	Danville, Virginia.
1841.	*Rev. William N. Peacock	Fayetteville.
1842.	*Rev. Walter S. Pharr	Poplar Tent.
1843.	*Rev. James Phillips	Raleigh.
1844.	*Rev. Simeon Colton	Fayetteville.
1845.	*Rev. Samuel Williamson	Charlotte.
1846.	*Rev. Drury Lacy	Greensborough.
1847.	Rev. Evander McNair	Fayetteville.
1848.	*Rev. Cyrus Johnston	Salisbury.
1849.	*Rev. John A. Gretter	Hillsborough.
1850.	*Rev. Adam Gilchrist	Centre.
1851.	*Rev. Archibald Baker	Rocky River.
1852.	*Rev. William N. Mebane	Danville, Virginia.
1853.	Rev. Hector McLean	Wilmington.
1854.	*Rev. A. L. Watts	Concord.
1855.	*Rev. Eli W. Caruthers, D. D	Greensborough.
1856.	Rev. Neill McKay	Fayetteville.
1857.	Rev. Walter W. Pharr	Charlotte.
1858.	*Rev. Jacob Doll	Newbern.
1859.	*Rev. F. K. Nash	Wilmington.
1860.	*Rev. R. H. Lafferty	Statesville.
1861.	*Rev. Edward Hines	Raleigh.
1862.	*Rev. John M. Sherwood	Goldsborough.
1863.	*Rev. R. N. Davis	Salisbury.
1864.	*Rev. A. G. Hughes	Greensborough.
1865.	Rev. Colin Shaw	Fayetteville.
1866.	*Rev. R. Hett Chapman, D. D	Charlotte.
1867.	Rev. Archibald Currie	Newbern.
1868.	Rev. D. D. McBryde	Wilmington.
1869.	*Rev. Jesse Rankin	Morganton.

*Deceased.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

	Moderators.	*Place of Meeting.*
1870.	*Rev. S. A. Stanfield	Raleigh.
1871.	Rev. J. P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
1872.	Rev. Arnold W. Miller, D. D.	Charlotte.
1873.	*Rev. James M. Sprunt	Wilmington.
1874.	Rev. J. Rumple	Concord.
1875.	Rev. P. H. Dalton	Greensborough.
1876.	Rev. Martin McQueen	Fayetteville.
1877.	*Rev. John Douglas	Charlotte.
1878.	Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D.	Goldsborough.
1879.	Rev. E. F. Rockwell	Statesville.
1880.	Rev. J. Henry Smith, D. D.	Raleigh.
1881.	Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.	Salisbury.
1882.	Rev. L. McKinnon	Asheville.
1883.	Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Wilmington.
1884.	Rev. P. T. Penick	Winston.

*Deceased.

STATED CLERKS OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

1813.	*Rev. Robt. H. Chapman.	1855.	*Rev. Archibald Baker.
1818.	*Rev. Colin McIver.	1859.	*Rev. Jacob Doll.
1849.	*Rev. Drury Lacy.	1878.	Rev. William S. Lacy.

*Deceased.

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—MEMBERS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

FIRST CLASS—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Rev. J. H. Smith, D. D.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.
Dr. E. Nye Hutchison, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1888.

SECOND CLASS—TO SERVE THREE YEARS.

Rev. Wm. E. McIlwain.
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy.
Mr. W. Murdoch, Ruling Elder; to to go out in 1887.

THIRD CLASS—TO SERVE TWO YEARS.

Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.
Rev. B. F. Marable.
Mr. D. W. Oates, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1886.

FOURTH CLASS—TO SERVE ONE YEAR.

Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.
Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D.
Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder; to go out in 1885.

Officers and Appointees of Synod.

AGENTS OF SYNOD.

Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Agent of Foreign Missions.
Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.....Agent of Sustentation.
Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.....Agent of Education.
Rev. John M. Rose.....Agent of Publication.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Agent of Sabbath-schools.
Rev. J. C. Alexander.....Agent of Evangelistic Labor.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

Mr. Jesse H. Lindsay .....Greensborough.

TRUSTEES OF SYNOD—TO SERVE FOUR YEARS.

Colonel John E. Brown, *Chairman*.....Charlotte.
Colonel J. B. Rankin.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. L. Brown.....Charlotte.
Mr. R. I. McDowell.....Charlotte.
Mr. J. H. Welbourne.....Lexington.
Mr. D. F. Cannon.....Concord.
Mr. E. B. Stimson.....Statesville.

To go out in 1887.

SYNODICAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE.

(To co-operate with the Presbyterian Historical Society.)
Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, *Chairman*, *ex-officio*.....Jonesborough.
Rev. E. F. Rockwell, D. D.....Cool Spring.
Rev. L. C. Vass.....Newbern.

STATED CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Orange—Rev. F. H. Johnston, D. D.....Winston.
Concord—Rev. Wm. W. Pharr.....Mount Mourne.
Fayetteville—Rev. J. P. McPherson.....Fayetteville.
Wilmington—Rev. J. M. Sprunt, D. D*.....Kenansville.
Mecklenburg—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.....Lincolnton.

*Deceased since Synod. Rev. A. McFadyen, Clarkton, is chosen Stated Clerk.

ROLL OF MINISTERS IN SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

I.—ORANGE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Robert Burwell, D. D.	Raleigh.
2.	George W. Ferrill	Tally Ho.
3.	A. Currie	Hillsborough.
4.	Thomas U. Faucette	Milton.
5.	Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D.	Raleigh.
6.	P. H. Dalton	High Point.
7.	J. Henry Smith, D D	Greensborough.
8.	F. H. Johnston, D. D.	Winston.
9.	James C. Alexander	Greensborough.
10.	C. N. Morrow	Hartsville, Tenn.
11.	Charles Phillips, D. D.	Chapel Hill.
12	C. H. Wiley, D. D.	Winston.
13.	William B. Tidball	Greensborough.
14.	L C. Vass	Newbern.
15.	John W. Primrose	Wilmington.
16.	H. T. Darnall	Durham.
17.	C. Miller	Madison.
18.	T. J. Allison	Mebaneville.
19.	James L. Currie	Hillsborough.
20.	Samuel M. Smith	Washington.
21.	P. R. Law	Monroe.
22.	John S. Watkins, D. D.	Raleigh.
23.	D. Irvin Craig	Reidsville.
24.	S. L. Wilson	Littleton.
25.	Wm. F. Thom	Mt. Vernon Springs.
26.	J. N. H. Summerell	Tarborough.
27.	A. L. Crawford	Lexington.
28.	S. H. Isler	Goldsborough.
29.	L. B Johnston	Swoope, Va.
30.	Wm. F. Wilhelm	Hillsborough.
31.	S. H. Chester	Mebaneville.

II.—CONCORD PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	E. F. Rockwell, D. D.	Cool Spring.
2.	T. N. Paxton*	Marion.

Roll of Ministers. Concord. Fayetteville.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
3.	P. T. Penick	Mooresville.
4.	B. L. Beall	Lenoir.
5.	W. A. Wood, D. D	Statesville.
6.	J. Rumple, D. D	Salisbury.
7.	Wm. W. Pharr	Mount Mourne.
8.	A. D. Hepburn, D. D	Davidson College.
9.	R. B. Anderson, D. D	Morganton.
10.	J. M. Wharey	Harrisburg.
11.	L. K. Glasgow	Davidson College.
12.	C. M. Payne	Concord.
13.	J. L. Williamson	Concord.
14.	John W. Davis	Soochow, China.
15.	R. W. Boyd	Wood Leaf.
16.	P. P. Winn	Statesville.
17.	J. A. Ramsay	Mill Bridge.
18.	W. B. Arrowood	Norwood.
19.	A. W. White	Cool Spring.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

III.—FAYETTEVILLE PRESBYTERY.

	Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1.	Hector McLean	Melrose.
2.	Evander McNair, D. D	Red Banks.
3.	James P. McPherson	Fayetteville.
4.	Neill McKay, D. D	Summerville.
5.	George M. Gibbs*	Marion.
6.	Andrew McMillan	Laurel Hill Depot.
7.	D. D. McBryde	Little River Academy
8.	Martin McQueen	Carthage.
9.	James McQueen	Swann's Station.
10.	N. T. Bowden	Little's Mills.
11.	Joseph Evans	Plainview.
12.	Archibald McQueen	Montpelier.
13.	John H. Coble	Laurinburgh.
14.	H. G. Hill, D. D	Fayetteville.
15.	David Fairley	Manchester.
16.	A. N. Ferguson	Laurinburgh.
17.	K. M. McIntyre	Ridge's Creek.

Roll of Ministers. Wilmington. Mecklenburg.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
18. William S. Lacy	Jonesborough.
19. Roger Martin	Shoe Heel.
20. J. Stedman Black	Athens.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

IV.—WILMINGTON PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Duncan B. Black	Burgaw.
2. Colin Shaw	Gravelly Hill.
3. James M. Sprunt, D. D.*	Kenansville.
4. B. F. Marable	Mount Olive.
5. James Kelly	Clarkton.
6. A. McFadyen	Elizabethtown.
7. A. Kirkland	Teachy's.
8. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D	Wilmington.
9. G. W. McMillan	Burgaw.
10. K. McDonald	Jericho.
11. Robert Hett Chapman, D. D.*	Asheville.
12. John M. Rose, Jr	Goldsboro'.
13. Alexander L. Phillips	Burgaw.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

V.—MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
1. Robert H. Morrison, D. D	Lowesville.
2. James E. Morrison	Morven.
3. James D. Hall	Garibaldi.
4. William N. Morrison*	Asheville.
5. William Graves	Mills River.
6. Walter W. Pharr, D. D	Alexandriana.
7. A. W. Miller, D. D	Charlotte.
8. G. D. Parks	Charlotte.
9. R. Z. Johnston	Lincolnton.
10. William A. McDonald	Hoods.
11. D. T. Towles	Crab Tree.
12. John J. Kennedy	Gastonia.
13. William H. Davis	Davidson River.
14. L. R. McAboy, D. D*	Lynn.

Roll of Ministers. Mecklenburg.

Ministers.	*Post Office.*
15. William E. McIlwain	Hopewell.
16. S. Taylor Martin	Hampden Sidney, Va.
17. G. S. Robinson	Pineville.
18. R. A. Miller	Monroe.
19. J. P. Gammon	Asheville.
20. G. L. Cook	Charlotte.
21. W. R. Atkinson	Charlotte.
22. D. P. Robinson	Pineville.
23. J. L. Williams*	Hopewell.
24. N. M. Woods	Charlotte.
25. J. M. McLean	Gastonia.
26. A. G. Buckner	Wadesboro.
27. A. P. Nicholson	Charlotte.
28. A. M. Watson	Huntersville.
29. J. E. Fogartie	Highlands.
30. E. P. Davis	Shelby.
31. R. B. Morrow	Hendersonville.
32. R. S. Brown	Asheville.

*Deceased since the meeting of Synod.

DAILY ORDER OF BUSINESS.

[From 22d Rule of the Rules of Parliamentary Order, Approved by the Synod. See Standing Rule 15.]

1. Prayer.
2. Minutes Read.
3. Presentation of Papers:
   a. Communications addressed to the body;
   b. Reports of Standing Committees;
   c. Reports of Select Committees;
   d. Resolutions.

[Each of which papers may, by unanimous consent, be taken up immediately on presentation, but if objection be made, it shall be docketed.]

4. The Unfinished Business in which the Court was engaged at the last preceding adjournment in preference to the Orders of the Day.

[But such Unfinished Business may, on motion, without debate, be laid on the table, to proceed with the Special Order.]

5. The Order of the Day.
6. Regular Docket.

[Motions to elect officers, to appoint committees and to enroll members, shall always be in order, unless a member is speaking or the Court is voting.]

[*Note.*—If the Unfinished Business be laid on the table in order to proceed with the Order of the Day, when the Order has been disposed of, such Unfinished Business has precedence of the Regular Docket.]

DOCKET

OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE HELD IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REIDSVILLE, N. C., ON TUESDAY, THE 20TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1885, AT 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

I. Prayer.

II. Report of Committee of Enrollment.

III. Moderator Chosen.

IV. Temporary Clerks Chosen.

V. Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod Read.

VI. Standing Committees Announced:

1. Bills and Overtures.
2. Judicial Committee.
3. Address to the Churches on the State of Religion.
4. Systematic Beneficence.
5. Minutes of the General Assembly.
6. Union Theological Seminary.
7. Treasurer's Books.
8. Report of the Trustees of Synod.
9. Devotional Exercises.
10. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries.
11. Synodical Records.
12. Leave of Absence.

VII. Committees to Review Records of Presbyteries Announced:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville,
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

VIII. Excuses for Absence from Last Meeting of Synod Referred.

IX. Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

Docket.

X. Narratives of the State of Religion Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XI. Reports of the Presbyteries on Systematic Beneficence Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.

XII. Report of the Directors of Union Theological Seminary read and referred.

XIII. Appointment of Directors of Union Theological Seminary referred.

[*Note.*—The term of office of the Fourth Class expires at this meeting of the Synod, viz: Rev. F. H. Johnston D. D., Rev. Joseph M. Atkinson, D. D., and Mr. B. F. Hall, Ruling Elder.]

XIV. Synodical and Presbyterial Records Referred:

1. Orange.
2. Concord.
3. Fayetteville.
4. Wilmington.
5. Mecklenburg.
6. The Synod.

XV. Report of the Trustees of Synod (Col. John E. Brown, Chairman) read and referred.

XVI. Report of the Treasurer of the Synod (Mr. J. H. Lindsay) read and referred.

XVII. Appointment of Orders of the Day.

XVIII. Reports of the Synodical Agents read:

1. Sustentation—Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D.
2. Education—Rev. J. Rumple, D. D.
3. Publication—Rev. J. M. Rose, Jr.
4. Foreign Missions—Rev. R. Z. Johnston.
5. Sabbath-schools—Rev. L. C. Vass.
6. Evangelistic Labor—Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Docket.

XIX. Report of Synodical Historical Committee (Rev. Wm. S. Lacy, Chairman).

XX Report of the Stated Clerk as to Special Duties imposed by the Meeting of Synod of 1883:

1. Transcription of the earlier volumes of the Minutes of Synod. (Minutes 1883, page 403.)

2. Preparation of a Map of the Synod of North Carolina. (Minutes 1883, page 409.)

XXI. Synodical Communion, on Thursday Evening, as provided for by Rule 17.

XXII. Time and Place of next Meeting of Synod Chosen.

XXIII. How many Copies of the Minutes shall be published?

XXIV. Statistical Report of the Synod to the General Assembly adopted.

XXV. Roll Called before Final Adjournment.

XXVI. Minutes Read and Approved.

XXVII. Adjournment, with Singing, Prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.